

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 12, 2023

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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2023 in the City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom, as well as virtually via Teams.

Attendance

Those in Attendance in Person:

Mayor Bob Young

Councillor Laura Tillack

Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering

Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services

Kyle van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development

Kyle Wilkin, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance

Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services

Alysha Laviolette, Recording Secretary

Gerry Kelly, Deputy Fire Chief

Karen Yake, Manager, Communications and Marketing Advisory Services

Brian Oliver, Fire Prevention Officer

Blair Martin, Engineering Project Manager

John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

With Regrets

Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation

Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant

Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning

Sgt. Thomas Dimopoulos, RCMP

Public Commentary

No Public Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Olson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated

PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

Background

1. Review of Collision Data and Maps Provided by Inspector McBeth

Presentation given by Inspector McBeth, RCMP. Report completed by criminal analysis. In 2021 there were 290 collisions, most commonly occurring between October – December and Thursdays and Fridays between 9 am – 5 pm. The most common location

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where accidents occurred was Highway 2 and 50th Avenue. The data from January to September 2022 showed 76% of accidents occurred in Leduc and 8% in Leduc County. The data in 2021 show that 70% of accidents involved two motor vehicles.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: The RCMP will have an analyst to dissect that area and see if the accidents occur more North bound or South bound. There are a few areas of main concern of vehicles turning left. Once TAC reviews the data, they will consider putting up signs for high collision area at Highway 2 and 50th Avenue.

November 10th, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the maps provided, the main cause of collisions is following too close. TAC discussed having some form of communications campaign to bring awareness to these areas and get the RCMP involved.

January 12, 2023 Meeting: TAC discussed the installation of signs at high collision areas and posting the collision map on the website along with sending the map to driver training locations in Leduc.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that public works order signs for the top 5 collision locations, and communications post the map of high collision locations on website and send out map to Leduc's driver training locations.

Action Kyle Wilkin to order and install signs

Communications to post map of collision locations on website and provide maps to driver training locations.

CARRIED

Background **2. Neighborhood Speed Zone Reduction (Shawn Olson)**

When the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) made their annual presentation at the June 20, 2022 Council meeting, Council requested that TAC return in the Fall with further information regarding neighbourhood speed zones. The Southfork speed reduction pilot program has been successful, so there are intentions to move forward with a City wide change to 40 km/hour. TAC will need to discuss the implementation strategy. Kiann McNeill, Director of Communications and Marketing Services, attended the TAC meeting to provide a high-level summary of what the implementation from a communications perspective consists of. This item will be brought forward again at the November 10, 2022 TAC meeting, to discuss the implementation.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: The data from Southfork shows there has been a reduction in speed since implementing the 40 km/hour zones. In addition, TAC recommended moving to school zone times being school days only from 7:30-4:30 inclusive which needs to be approved by council. There is debate on whether a bylaw change is required to enact this or whether we can just put-up markers that state school zone in effect when lights are flashing and adjust the flashers. This may also require some budget

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adjustments as we have not budgeted for the school zone tabs, unless public services have enough money in the proposed sign budget for lowering the city to 40km/hr to also cover the tabs.

November 10, 2022 Meeting: Kiann brought forward a 4 phase campaign that will include an announcement portion, a 6 week communication campaign, and implementation. This will come into effect with the school zones changing.

January 12, 2023 Meeting: Communications plan is underway and the draft of map is completed.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that we review the communications plan again at the March meeting.

Action Kyle Van Steenoven to send draft map to Communications.

Communications department to work on communications plan.

CARRIED

Background **3. Petition to reopen 44th Street (Shawn Olson)**

A resident has started a petition to remove the barrier that allows access from 44th Street to Telford Lake. The resident has concerns as it doesn't allow for everyone to fully enjoy the amenities provided by the lake and creates undue hardship to citizens trying to enjoy local natural spaces. The resident also fears it presents an impediment to timely emergency services response to calls for assistance. They would like to see the barrier removed as they do not feel it is logical for it to remain in place.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: Shawn to bring a council report forward on October 24, 2022 to request a decision on surveying impacted residents.

November 10, 2022 Meeting: Council approved the survey that will be going out to the impacted residents. The survey will go out in the early new year and an update will go back to council in early spring. The website has been updated with this information

January 12, 2023 Meeting: Communications is planning to send direct mail to residents who reside on the street with a QR code and password to get access to the survey. This will ensure the survey only gets completed by residents who reside on 44th street to gauge their perceived safety after the closure. Surveys are estimated to be mailed out in March with the survey opening late march early April. Communications will also keep track of how many people complete the survey

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that we review again at the March meeting.

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Action Communications to send out survey.

CARRIED

Background **4. Speed Board on Caledonia Drive (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

A resident has concerns regarding speeding on Caledonia Drive. The resident would like to see speed boards installed.

November 10, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data from sign was installed October 25th. The data taken from Oct. 25th to Nov. 6th shows the average speed is 38km/h with the 85th percentile being 45km/h with a total of 11,625 vehicles.

January 12, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the updated speed awareness data. The data showed the average speed is 35km/h with the 85th percentile being 43km/h with a total of 29,000 vehicles.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that public works leave the speed awareness sign in place.

Action Resident has been contacted.

Remove from agenda

Background **5. Speed Volume on Alexander Drive (Shawn Olson)**

Councilor Hanson had previously received complaints following the Alton Drive speed tables. As part of that project a speed sign that was installed on Alexandra drive to determine the volume now using this alternative route.

November 10, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data from the sign that was installed on Oct. 25th. The data taken from Oct. 25th to Nov 6th shows the average speed is 35km/h with the 85th percentile being 41km/h with a total of 3,225 vehicles.

January 12, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the updated speed awareness data. The data for January showed the average speed is 33km/h with the 85th percentile being 39km/h with a total of 12,007 vehicles. The December data showed the average speed was 34km/h with the 85th percentile being 40km/h and a total of 4,289 vehicles. The November data showed the average speed was 33km/h with the 85th percentile being 39km/h and a totally of 7,088 vehicles.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that public works leave the speed awareness sign in place.

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Action Resident has been contacted.

Remove from agenda

NEW BUISNESS ITEMS

Background **6. Parking on 61st Ave (Kyle Wilkin)**

We have received a request to review the parking along 61 Avenue from 45 Street to 46 Street. This is the main access to the Eco Station and RV Sanitary Dump station. With vehicles parked on both sides of the street it has resulted in several close calls from contractors trying to access the Eco Station as well as RV's trying to access the sanitary dump.

January 12, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to install no parking signs on the north side of the street.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that public works install no parking signs on the north side of the street

Action Kyle Wilkin to install no parking signs

Remove from agenda.

No further items were brought forward for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

March 9, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom